

# Medical Marijuana Awareness Month



Mayors of the 2 largest cities in Oregon declare “Medical Marijuana Awareness.”

Kitty Piercy, the mayor of Eugene, Oregon, proclaimed the week of April 30th, 2009 to May 6th, 2009 as “Medical Marijuana Awareness Week” in the city of Eugene, and encouraged all citizens to join in this observance. The mayor of Portland, Sam Adams, declared May 2009 to be “Medical Marijuana Awareness Month” in Portland.

These proclamations should be viewed with excitement by medical cannabis patients throughout the state. We can be proud of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP). Many states are now debating starting their own medical cannabis programs, and the model that seems to be consistently emulated is the OMMP.

Oregon is a role model when it comes to medical cannabis and for good reason. As we approach 25,000 OMMP registered patients, the OMMP does a commendable job 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in protecting patients’ privacy and interacting with law enforcement. The vast majority of OMMP cardholders are responsible, tax-paying members of our community, who are able to live full and functional lives thanks to medical cannabis. Patients like these form the backbone of our program and make it the success that it is. The truth is, access to medical cannabis eases suffering for many, many people and makes our state a better place to live for all its citizens. That’s something for which we can all be thankful.